

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 have been canceled by the amendment. New claims 46-90 are presented herein, with claims 46, 71 and 80 being independent.

Claims 1-46 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis and correct the order of dependency. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form, in an effort to advance this application towards allowance, he is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

If there are any additional fees or refunds required, the Commissioner is directed to charge or debit Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted for,

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